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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FMD0003076 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2005-06, Priority A and B Catch Basins, various locations in Los Angeles County (All), to J & G Maintenance, in amount of \$79,550.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014461 - Avenue L at 45th Street West, vicinity of Lancaster (5), to TDS Engineering, in amount of \$338,275.50.

Project ID No. RDC0014535 - Solar Powered School Zone Flasher Project, vicinities of Azusa, City Terrace, Santa Fe Springs, Walnut Park, Florence, Rosewood, Hacienda Heights, La Mirada, Whittier, Pasadena, Palmdale, and Stevenson Ranch (1, 2, 4, and 5), to Republic Electric, in amount of \$455,700.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014618 - San Bernardino Road at Nora Avenue, vicinity of West Covina (5), to Christopher R. Morales, Inc., in amount of \$79,255.50.

Project ID No. SMDACO0101 - Whiteside Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of City Terrace (1), to rePipe-California, Inc., in amount of \$324,805.00.

Project ID No. WWD4004030 - Partial Abandonment of Water Well Nos. 4-43, 4-54, 4-55, 4-58, and 4-59, City of Lancaster (5), to Layne Christensen Company, in amount of \$608,580.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0014535 and WWD4004030.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003076, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2005-06, PRIORITY A AND B CATCH BASINS (at various locations in Los Angeles County),
All Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 8,600 catch basins at various locations in the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 30, 2005 (Synopsis 58)

BID OPENING DATE: September 27, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Successful Bidder

*Jorge Gudino, an individual dba J & G Maintenance 10242 San Carlos Avenue South Gate, California 90280 (323) 563-0620	\$79,550.00
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*MWBE

Ron's Maintenance (LSBE) submitted a bid in the amount of \$81,700.00 and requested to be relieved of their bid. We believe it is in the best interest of the County to relieve Ron's Maintenance of their bid.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$68,800.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$79,550.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$10,750.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the estimate which was based on last year's average contract prices for similar work. We do not believe that readvertising this project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the successful bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

J & G Maintenance, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days during the period of November 1, 2005, to March 31, 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014461, AVENUE L AT 45TH STREET WEST
(in the vicinity of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps; modification and installation of traffic signals; and installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 19, 2005 (Synopsis 41)

BID OPENING DATE: August 16, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	TDS Engineering, a corporation 2899 Agoura Road, Suite 171 Westlake Village, California 91361-3200 (805) 371-4639	\$338,275.50
2	Granite Construction Company	\$354,770.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$326,950.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$338,275.50
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 11,325.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 3.5 percent above the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

TDS Engineering has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(5), (x)(14), (x)(22), and (x)(23), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2005 and be completed in January 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014535, SOLAR POWERED SCHOOL ZONE FLASHER PROJECT (in the vicinities of Azusa, City Terrace, Santa Fe Springs, Walnut Park, Florence, Rosewood, Hacienda Heights, La Mirada, Whittier, Pasadena, Palmdale, and Stevenson Ranch), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of solar powered flashers adjacent to various school zones.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 2, 2005 (Synopsis 33)

BID OPENING DATE: August 30, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Republic Electric, a corporation 371 Bel Marin Keys Boulevard, Suite 200 Novato, California 94949-5699 (415) 884-3000	\$455,700.00
2	*Christopher R. Morales, Inc.	\$467,480.00

*MWBE

TDS Engineering was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$383,470.00; however, they requested that their bid be withdrawn due to a clerical error resulting in a significant underbid. Our review confirmed that a bonafide clerical error had been made and that TDS Engineering should be relieved of its bid proposal as provided in the "Instructions to Bidders." Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the next lowest, responsible bidder.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$396,800.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$455,700.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 58,900.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 15 percent above the estimate which was based on recent contract prices for similar items of work. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, the bids received are competitive, and readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project will be administered utilizing State transportation grant funding under the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) under existing County/State Master Agreement No. 71078. Under this program, the State will fund 90 percent of the construction cost. Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Republic Electric has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (i), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in December 2005 and be completed in January 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014618, SAN BERNARDINO ROAD AT NORA AVENUE
(in the vicinity of West Covina), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and installation of traffic signals; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps; and installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 2, 2005 (Synopsis 35)

BID OPENING DATE: August 30, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Christopher R. Morales, Inc., a corporation 15100 East Nelson Avenue Industry, California 91744 (626) 968-3771	\$ 79,255.50
2	MSL Electric, Inc.	\$145,723.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$105,638.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 79,255.50
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 26,383.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 25 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Christopher R. Morales, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(5), (x)(14), (x)(22), and (x)(23), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in November 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0101, WHITESIDE STREET, ET AL.,
SANITARY SEWERS (in the vicinity of City Terrace), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, lining of existing 8-inch sanitary sewers,
and sealing of all service connections.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 9, 2005 (Synopsis 40)

BID OPENING DATE: September 6, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	rePipe-California, Inc., a corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, California 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$324,805.00
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2	Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corporation	\$332,078.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$310,330.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$324,805.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 14,475.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.7 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

rePipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (b), of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2005 and be completed in February 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004030, PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF WATER
WELL NOS. 4-43, 4-54, 4-55, 4-58, AND 4-59 (City of Lancaster),
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement of pumps and motors, the grout sealing to the lower
aquifer layers within the five water wells, and other appurtenant
work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 16, 2005 (Synopsis 46)

BID OPENING DATE: September 13, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Layne Christensen Company, a corporation 11001 Etiwanda Avenue Fontana, California 92337 (909) 390-2833	\$608,580.00
2	Bakersfield Well & Pump Co., Inc.	\$789,279.00
3	Southwest Engineering, Inc.	\$984,500.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$593,680.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$608,580.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 14,900.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.5 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06
Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Layne Christensen Company has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this
contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e) and (l), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days; however, a cessation of work and an additional 115 calendar days are required for the pumps and motors to be designed and procured. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2005 and be completed in June 2006.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates a fatality in 2003. The fatality was caused by a piece of the drilling rig collapsing. Arizona/OSHA issued a citation to Layne Christensen for failing to inspect its rigs. The case has been resolved.

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